

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Securities and Exchange Commission

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Payward, Inc., et al.

Defendant(s).

Case No. 4:23-cv-06003-DMR

**CONSENT OR DECLINATION
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE
JURISDICTION**

INSTRUCTIONS: Please indicate below by checking **one** of the two boxes whether you (if you are the party) or the party you represent (if you are an attorney in the case) choose(s) to consent or decline to magistrate judge jurisdiction in this matter. Sign this form below your selection.

☐ **CONSENT to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I voluntarily **consent** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment. I understand that appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

OR

☒ **DECLINE Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I **decline** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case and I hereby request that this case be reassigned to a United States district judge.

DATE: December 4, 20²³

NAME: Daniel Blau

/s/ Daniel Blau

Signature

COUNSEL FOR
(OR "PRO SE"): Plaintiff Securities and Exchange
Commission

PROOF OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is:

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,
444 S. Flower Street, Suite 900, Los Angeles, California 90071
Telephone No. (323) 965-3998; Facsimile No. (213) 443-1904.

On December 4, 2023, I caused to be served the document entitled **DECLINATION TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE JURISDICTION** on all the parties to this action addressed as stated on the attached service list:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: December 4, 2023

/s/ Daniel Blau

Daniel Blau

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